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SOUTHEAST ALASKA DRIFT GILLNET FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Sitka. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today the opening of the Southeast Alaska drift gillnet fishery, during the times and in the areas listed below, beginning on Sunday, July 28, 2013.

Section 1-B: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 28, through 12:00 noon, Friday, August 2**, with the following restriction:

Pearse and Portland Canals: will be closed north of the latitude of Akeku Point located at the southern entrance of Edwards Passage.

District 6: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 28, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, July 31**, with the following restrictions:

Section 6-D: will be closed north and east of a line from Mariposa Rock Buoy to the northernmost tip of Point Harrington, to a point on Etolin Island at 56°09.60' N. latitude, 132°42.70' W. longitude, to the southernmost tip of Point Stanhope, and south of a line from Point Stanhope to Luck Point;

Salmon Bay: will be closed west of a line from Point Colpoys to Rookery Island Light, to the westernmost tip of Fire Island, to a point on Prince of Wales Island at the latitude of the westernmost tip of Fire Island.

District 8: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 28, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, July 31**, with the following restrictions:

Beacon Point/Point Frederick Area: waters of Frederick Sound will be closed west of a line from the District 10 boundary one nautical mile off the Kupreanof Island shoreline, to Sukoi Island Light, to Point Frederick;

Stikine River: waters off the Stikine River will be closed north and west of a line from Babbler Point, to Hour Point, along the shore of Wrangell Island to Point Highfield, to the southern end of Liesnoi Island, to the southern end of Greys Island, to the small island near the eastern entrance of Blind Slough, to the nearest point of Mitkof Island, and south and east of a line from the prominent point of Mitkof Island nearest Coney Island, to the northern end of Coney Island, to a point 500 yards north of Jap Creek on the mainland shore;

Kunk Creek: waters of Kunk Creek will be closed west of a line extending due south from a point on Etolin Island at 56°17.82' N. latitude, 132°22.98' W. longitude, to the District 7/8 boundary line in Zimovia Strait.

Section 11-B: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 28, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, July 31**, with the following restrictions:

Port Snettisham: waters of Port Snettisham will be closed east of a line from Point Styleman to Point Anmer;

Limestone Inlet: will be closed east of a line from a point on the north shore at 58°02.09' N. latitude, 133°58.87' W. longitude, to a point on the south shore at 58°01.92' N. latitude, 133°58.87' W. longitude (inside markers);

Gillnet Mesh Size Restriction: from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 28, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, July 31, south of the latitude of Circle Point (from the marker at approximately 58°07.76' N. latitude), gillnets must have a minimum mesh size of six inches.

Section 11-C: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 28, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, July 31**.

Section 15-A: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 28, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, July 31**, in the waters of Lynn Canal with the following restrictions:

Chilkat Inlet: will be closed north of the latitude from the northernmost tip of Kochu Island at 59°09.04' N. latitude;

Chilkoot Inlet: will be closed north of the latitude of Mud Bay Point at 59°09.05' N. latitude.

Section 15-C: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 28, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, July 31**, with the following restriction:

Endicott River: Section 15-C will be closed within two nautical miles of the western shoreline of Lynn Canal from the latitude of Danger Point at 58°41.73' N. latitude. north to a point within two nautical miles of the western shoreline of Lynn Canal at the latitude of Point Sherman.

Section 15-C: The Boat Harbor THA will be open until further notice in those waters within two nautical miles of the western shoreline of Lynn Canal from the latitude of Danger Point at 58°41.73' N. latitude and south to a point 2.4 miles north of Point Whidbey at 58°36.96' N. latitude.

The Section 1-B drift gillnet fishery is now being managed according to the District One Pink Salmon Management Plan (5 AAC 33.360). It is expected that the District 1 purse seine fishery will be given at least three days of fishing time during Statistical Week 31. Therefore, the Tree Point drift gillnet fishery will be open for five days.

King salmon less than 28" that are harvested in the commercial drift gillnet fisheries may be retained and sold. King salmon less than 28" in length, and those of Alaska hatchery origin, will not be counted against the Alaskan allocation of the Pacific Salmon Treaty harvest. The department discontinued the use of species code 411 beginning in 2012 to account for small king salmon in drift gillnet fisheries and instead will rely on ADF&G port sampling programs for that purpose. For drift gillnet fisheries, only species code 410 should be used to report king salmon of all sizes. Fish and Game samplers working at the processing facilities will also identify hatchery-reared king salmon so those fish are not counted against the Alaskan share of the harvest.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1S3413.

Southeast Alaska Drift Gillnet Harvest Estimates								
Statistical Week 30 (July 21 through 27)								
Preliminary Estimates Compiled July 25, 2013								
NUMBER OF SALMON								Days
District	King	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	Boats	Open
Section 1-B	50	8,000	5,000	90,000	25,000	128,050	55	5
District 6	100	4,700	5,300	29,000	9,000	48,100	57	3
District 8	200	1,700	1,000	4,900	25,000	32,800	65	3
District 11	50	20,000	1,000	25,000	70,000	116,050	90	3
District 15	20	8,000	130	14,000	114,000	136,150	65	3
Deep Inlet THA	100	60	500	5,000	16,000	21,660	31	3
Total	520	42,460	12,930	167,900	259,000	482,810		
FISH PER BOAT FOR THE PERIOD								
District	King	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total		
Section 1-B	1	145	91	1,636	455	2,328		
District 6	2	82	93	509	158	844		
District 8	3	26	15	75	385	505		
District 11	1	222	11	278	778	1,289		
District 15	0	123	2	215	1,754	2,095		
Deep Inlet THA	3	2	16	161	516	699		
Anita Bay THA: cumulative harvest of 8,500 king salmon and 19,500 chum salmon.								
Nakat Inlet THA: cumulative harvest of 55,000 chum salmon.								

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